Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, According to the National Council of Certified Dementia Practitioners, the week of February 14-21, 2012, is known as Alzheimer's and Dementia Staff Education Week; and,

Whereas, The importance of dementia education is the cornerstone and foundation to providing competent and compassionate care to residents suffering from Alzheimer's or dementia; and,

Whereas, The National Council of certified Dementia Practitioners encourages all nurse educators and in-service directors to provide comprehensive dementia training to all staff with live instructors as well as providing dementia education throughout the year; and,

Whereas, The residents have a reduced risk for injury during care, are provided with innovative activities, and are provided with sensitive psychosocial support and comfort measures during end of life:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim February 14-21, 2012, as

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in South Dakota, and I call upon all citizens to recognize the achievements and contributions of trained health care professionals.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twelfth Day of January in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Twelve.

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Jason Gant

Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State